

## FORCED A STRIKE

IN CHICAGO 3,000 MACHINISTS GO OUT ON A STRIKE

EMPLOYERS BROUGHT THREAT TO CRISIS

Ten-Hour Day Was Inaugurated by Employers to Bring the Strike to a Crisis—The Campaign Inaugurated Some Time Ago

CHICAGO: The three thousand machinists employed by the companies which compose the metal trades association went on strike as a protest against the ten-hour day, and practically all of the 115 shops represented in the association are closed. No effort will be made to operate the shops for a few days, and then the force of the employers will be centralized at a few plants.

The ten-hour day was inaugurated by the employers for the purpose of bringing the strike to a crisis. In a statement sent out by the officers of the association it is declared that the employers had no intention of returning to the ten-hour day, but they were compelled to take this step to combat the slow individual strike campaign which was commenced by the machinists' union some time ago.

### THE LAW UPHELD

United States Supreme Court Holds the "Oleo" Law Constitutional

WASHINGTON: The supreme court of the United States, in an opinion by Justice White, has upheld the constitutionality of the oleomargarine law. Leo W. McRay sued the United States in the southern district of Ohio to recover \$50 paid by him as a penalty for the sale of a fifty-pound package of colored oleomargarine containing a stamp tax of three-quarters of a cent a pound instead of ten cents a pound. McRay's counsel argued first that although the "oleo" was colored to look like butter, the color was obtained by the use of butter, which was itself artificially colored, but the use of which as an ingredient in the manufacture of "oleo" was authorized by law; and, second, that the tax of ten cents a pound was prohibitive and confiscatory and an attempted federal usurpation of the police powers of the cities. The court said that the tax contemplated the finished product and not the details of manufacture. If the "oleo" was colored it should have the higher tax, and if not colored the lower tax, regardless of how obtained. As to the amount of the tax the court said it was settled that the court could not consider the amount of any tax enacted by congress, this being purely a perfunctory. The court therefore affirmed the judgment of the lower court upholding the validity of the law and the tax.

The chief justice and Justice Brown and Justice Peckham dissented.

### ATTENDANCE WAS SMALL

Meeting of Indian Territory Postmasters Held at Fort Gibson

MUSKOGEE: The fourth annual meeting of the Indian Territory Postmasters' association was held at Fort Gibson, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: H. M. Butler of Vinita, president; R. J. Jenness, Okmulgee, secretary. The next annual meeting will be held at South McAlester April 2, 1905. The members of the association were given free entertainment by the citizens of Fort Gibson. The attendance was light. There are forty-five presidential postoffices in Indian Territory and 630 fourth class offices, yet there are not more than 100 postmasters who are members of the association. Not more than half the members were at the meeting.

## KANSAS FLOOD SITUATION

Southwest Corner of the State Under Water From Two to Twelve Feet

TOPEKA: The Kansas flood has traveled southeastward and is now playing havoc in the southeast corner of the state. The Neosho river at Chanute and Erie, is the highest ever recorded. All of the oil country is under water, from two to twelve feet. Scores of oil tanks filled with oil and many derricks and rigs have been swept away. At Erie the people are moving in boats. Railroad traffic on all the lines in this section has been abandoned. In some places the Neosho river is six miles wide. The dikes were all washed out by the flood a few weeks ago and furnished no protection for the farms in the lowlands.

Council Grove had a flood as big as last year, but it came in the day time and the people were able to reach high ground. A heavy local shower did the work.

Conditions at Florence, Emporia, Peabody and other towns in the flood belt are improved. The flood has subsided in most places.

### Damage in Indian Territory

MUSKOGEE: The heaviest rain of the year fell in Indian Territory Saturday morning. There was a great deal of damage done to growing crops and the bottom land farms are threatened with inundation by the rapidly rising rivers. On the Fayetteville division the Frisco has not been able to get a train through for thirty-six hours. The trains on the Missouri Pacific are not making connection with the branch line to this city and all trains that are running on the M., K. & T. are off schedule. Telegraph and telephone wires are down. There are many serious washouts on all railroads in the territory. The potato growers had just begun to dig their crop, and the heavy rains will set them back several days, resulting in a great loss as the market is falling every day.

### NEW POSTOFFICE

Muskogee to Have Better Facilities for Mails

MUSKOGEE: C. N. Haskell of the Indianola Construction company has received instructions from the postoffice department at Washington that his proposition to furnish quarters for the Muskogee postoffice has been accepted, and it will not be long before the government office will be located in the only five-story building in the entire Indian Territory.

An enormous amount of mail is handled by the Muskogee office. Owing to the fact that the Dawes commission, Indian agent, Indian inspector and other government officers are located here, there is only one other city in the United States where as much frank matter passes through the office, and that is Washington, D. C.

### Bank President Arrested

LAWTON: Dr. W. H. Alder, formerly president of the Bank of Commerce at Walter, was brought to this city from the Indian Territory by Deputy Sheriff Elrod on the charge of having obtained money from the bank under false pretenses. He was held here to await the action of the grand jury.

Near the latter part of March Dr. Alder resigned his position with the bank and sold his stock to other parties. It appears that about \$8,000 in notes were deposited in the bank, which he represented as being good, and upon which he drew something over \$3,000. It has been found that some of the notes are worthless and a complaint was made against Alder by officers of the bank.

Occasionally a girl marries a man just to keep him from hanging around the house evenings.

To build up children physically is as much a duty as to train them mentally, and sunshine helps in this.

## PEACHES FOR ENGLAND

Texas Fruit to be Sent Across the Water

DALLAS, TEX.: J. A. Taylor of Oklahoma City, Okla., was in Dallas recently in conference with the railroad officials on the matter of freight rates on peaches. Mr. Taylor spent a day here and left for Jacksonville, where he went to complete his arrangements for the exportation of Texas peaches to Liverpool and other British markets. The first shipment of peaches for England was sent forward by Mr. Taylor last year, his orchards in Oklahoma furnishing the fruit for export. The experiment of Mr. Taylor, which was made against the advice of the department of agriculture, proved to be quite successful, the fruit bringing about \$3 per bushel in Liverpool. According to reports received by the shipper the fruit landed in perfect condition, showing no waste whatever, and was hard and sound.

Mr. Taylor is optimistic as to the outlook for those who engage in the foreign trade, and thinks that quite a large business could be done from Texas. He states that the Texas peach is well adapted to stand such a long shipment, and would reach the other side in good condition. The results from the consignment should prove quite profitable, he thought.

### PAYMENT MUDDLE

Responsibility for \$60,000 Given to the Creeks

MUSKOGEE: Out of the order to cease payment on the loyal Creek roll a muddle may develop more serious than was at first anticipated. The comptroller of the currency ruled that the payment must not be made under the old Creek laws of descent and distribution, as was contemplated, and the agent was ordered to make a new roll. Under the old roll \$60,000 has already been disbursed. If the roll is not correct and the payment made according to existing laws some one must answer for it.

The important question in the minds of the Indian officials here, is what is to be done about the \$60,000 that has already been paid out? Mr. McLaughlin, who made the roll, was instructed by the interior department to make the roll under the Creek law. He is not a bonded officer and did not make the payment. The Indian agent is a bonded officer and made the payment, but he was acting under instructions to make the payment on the McLaughlin rolls. In the meantime, while the various departments are untangling themselves the Indians must wait perhaps six months or a year for the one-half million dollars due them, which they need badly.

### SUES FOR DIAMOND RING

Indian Territory Youth Sues His Fiancee Broke Her Engagement

MUSKOGEE: The case of Gustave Klindt against Miss Hester Cloud, in which the plaintiff instituted a replevin suit for the possession of a diamond ring, was tried by jury before Commissioner Deichman. It resulted in a hung jury. Klindt alleges that he gave the ring to the girl, who is only 17 years old, as an engagement ring, with the understanding that, if she should at any time refuse to marry him, the trinket should be returned. Miss Cloud testified that Klindt gave her the ring before they became engaged, and that the only consideration he asked was that she "keep company" with him. She admitted that she did afterward agree to marry him, and that she broke the contract but she denied that the ring entered into the agreement in any way. The diamond cost \$165.

Deputy marshals raided the gambling places at Minco recently and destroyed all the paraphernalia they could find. Several arrests were made, and it is thought that this will effectually destroy the business.

## COUNTRY FLOODED

RAIN HAS BEEN FALLING IN GREAT ABUNDANCE

A CYCLONE REPORTED NEAR GUTHRIE

Railroad Tracks Washed Out and Bridges Are Guarded—Cyclone Reported at Witcher—Damage of Floods May Equal That of Last Year

OKLAHOMA CITY: Heavy rains have been falling in this section for the past few days, but the worst was the cloudburst of the morning of the fourth. In this city storm sewers were inadequate to carry off the vast amount of water, and in consequence basements and cellars were flooded and people living in the west bottoms experienced as much trouble as during the floods of last year. Relief calls came in and the police with wagons moved a number of families to places of safety. The Illinois hotel had three feet of water in the basement, and the police department had to abandon headquarters and move upstairs into the city clerk's office. The river at this place is expected to go out of its banks owing to the heavy rains farther up.

El Reno reports a great rise in the North Canadian river throughout Canadian county and several bridges are said to have been washed away.

At Lawton one of the heaviest rains in the history of the country has fallen. Many streets in the city are flooded, and at least twenty-five houses have water standing in them from six to eighteen inches deep. The Bank of Lawton stands nearly two feet deep in water, and the streets are raging torrents. Reports from the surrounding country indicate that streams are overflowing and the valleys are fast becoming inundated.

Farms in the vicinity of Sapulpa are deluged. All streams are out of their banks and a number of substantial bridges are in imminent danger.

The village of Witcher, on the Katy, was visited by a cyclone about one-fourth of a mile wide, and the most of the damage done was in the town. A number of buildings were wrecked and a goodly number were moved from their foundations. No lives are reported lost.

A cyclone struck the farm of James Stout, three miles east of Guthrie, and tore the house to atoms. The aged mother of Mr. Stout was injured, and her recovery is doubtful. A babe was blown a distance of half a mile, but was uninjured.

A rain storm visited the vicinity of Enid and did considerable damage to railroad and other property in the county. At Crescent the Denver, Enid & Gulf track was washed out the second time within a week. At Douglas there was a heavy hail, doing damage to the fruit and crops. A low place in the east part of Enid, covered with tents and shacks occupied by negroes, was a roaring flood and the negroes moved to higher ground for safety.

A tornado struck Glencoe, a town of 1,000 inhabitants in Payne county, Okla., demolishing five residences and destroying the Methodist church. Several persons were hurt, none seriously. Much damage was done to farm property.

### More Offices for Sapulpa

SAPULPA: The Frisco train dispatcher's offices, which have been operating the Red River division of the Frisco have been transferred from Sherman, Texas, to Sapulpa. Train Master Hutchinson also has been moved from Sherman to Sapulpa. The three divisions of the Frisco running out of Sapulpa are all to be operated from this place in the future.